Education for all

2139. SHRI RAMJ ETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJTV RAJ AN SINGH LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to increase literacy in the country under the Education for All Mission;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to involve certain private institutions for implementation of schemes under the said Mission; and

(c) if so, the criteria fixed for their involvement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The Government have launched a new Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to increase literacy in the country. The goals of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan are as follows:-

0) All 6-14 age children in the school/Education Guarantee Scheme centre/bridge course by 2003,

(ii) All 6-14 age children compelete five years primary education by 2007 and

(iii) All 6-14 age children complete eight years of schooling by 2010.

(b) and (c) The Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan will be implemented by the State Government through the State Level Implementation Society. There will be a National Mission under the Prime Minister at the Central Government level. Decisions regarding programme implementation will be taken by the National and State Missions.

Literacy Scheme

2140. SHRI VIJYA J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVLOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Human Resource Development has failed to meet the constitutional promise of making free and compulsory education available to children upto the age of 14;

(b) if so, whether according to the official statistics, about 70% children